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In re Patent Application of

Erin J. Lindsay

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For: SELF-CONTAINED PACK ASSEMBLY
FOR AN EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD
CIRCUIT

) MAIL STOP: AF

) Group Art Unit: 3762

) Examiner: P. Bianco

) Confirmation No.: 2049

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Supplemental to the Amendment timely submitted May 5, 2004, in response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, submitted herewith is an executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Erin J. Lindsay.

The enclosed Declaration supports the arguments set forth in the Amendment that the presently named inventor, Erin J. Lindsay, can unequivocally state she conceived or invented the subject matter disclosed in *Lindsay et al.* upon which the Examiner is relying.

Hence in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 716.10, Applicant has successfully attributed *Lindsay et al.* to the Applicant, rendering *Lindsay et al.* no longer applicable to the presently claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections over *Lindsay et al.* is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the above submission, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 12-29 and 32-43 are now in condition for allowance.

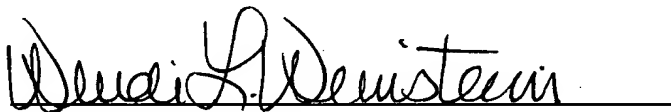
Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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